NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025

GOLD $3,428.80 SILVER $39.24 ₿ BITCOIN $111,714

Last Month: GOLD $3,327.70 SILVER $36.22 ₿ BITCOIN $104,428

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NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 4TH

We resume normal meetings again in September.

Location:

Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
6757 Pacific Ave SE Lacey, WA.

Doors open at 6:00PM

Meeting starts at 7:00PM

UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

AUG 29-SEP 21

WASHINGTON STATE (PUYALLUP) FAIR

See PNNA Fair info page

Rick Schulz

AUG 30

KENT VALLEY COIN SHOW

Kent Commons

525 4th Ave. N, Kent, WA

Scott Loos,

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Oliver Brock
Club President

A WORD FROM PRESIDENT OLIVER BROCK

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Hello and happy summer, I look forward to working with the board members to help support the club. Coin clubs are hard to find anymore. To be a member of a well establish one says a lot. This club has a lot to gain from this community and that is my goal. I'm big for more outreach to the young numismatics.

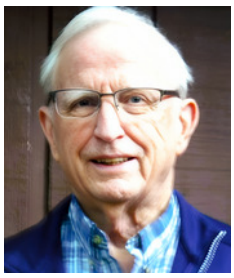
The club treasurer position has to be filled in order for the club to function. I want you to consider this and know you will be supported by the board and members.

Please be sure to see information about Richard (Dick) Cowely celebration of life below.

I would again like to thank Kevin for all that he has done and is still doing for the club.

Oliver

MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST PICNIC



Richard Green
Club Secretary

Olympia Coin Club
Meeting Minutes
Aug. 7, 2025

President, Kevin opened the meeting/picnic at 6:15 PM. There were 27 in attendance. The first order of business was a show-of-hands vote to raise the annual dues to $15. The vote was unanimous in favor of the raise.
Kevin then introduced the newly elected President, Oliver Brock and the new officers. Following a few words by Oliver the meeting adjourned for the attendees
to enjoy a barbecue dinner, thanks to Todd Hughes for cooking and the members
for bringing potluck.
Following dinner, the attendees played BINGO in memory of Dick Cowley. The BINGO winners of Kennedy Half Dollars were:
Jerry Bruce
Steve Howard
Cheryl Howard
Jim Ratcliff, Jr.
Dale Gerard
Julisa Brock
Ella Brock
Rich Green
Jay DeBoer
Bonnie Zagorin
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM
Rich Green, Secretary

Next OCC Board Meeting

The Next OCC Board Meeting is:
September 25th at 6:00PM.
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
Board meetings are open to everyone

COMING FROM THE US MINT

Sep 4

COMING SOON · LIMITED

American Eagle 2025 One Ounce Palladium Reverse Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

WEST POINT (W)

25EK

Sep 11

COMING SOON · LIMITED

Morgan Silver Dollar 2025 Proof Coin

MORGAN AND PEACE SILVER DOLLARS

SAN FRANCISCO (S)

25XF

Sep 11

COMING SOON · LIMITED

Peace Silver Dollar 2025 Proof Coin

MORGAN AND PEACE SILVER DOLLARS

SAN FRANCISCO (S)

25XL

Sep 23

COMING SOON

American Eagle 2025 One Ounce Silver Proof Coin

AMERICAN EAGLE COINS

SAN FRANCISCO (S)

25EM

Sep 25

COMING SOON · LIMITED

Comic Art 2.5 Ounce Silver Medal – Batman™

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25DBS2

Sep 25

COMING SOON · LIMITED

Comic Art 24-Karat Gold Proof Coin – Batman™

WEST POINT (W)

25DBG

Sep 25

COMING SOON

Comic Art One Ounce Silver Medal – Batman™

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25DBS1

Oct 7

COMING SOON · LIMITED

Mighty Minters 2025 Ornament

ORNAMENTS

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25XT

Oct 7

COMING SOON · LIMITED

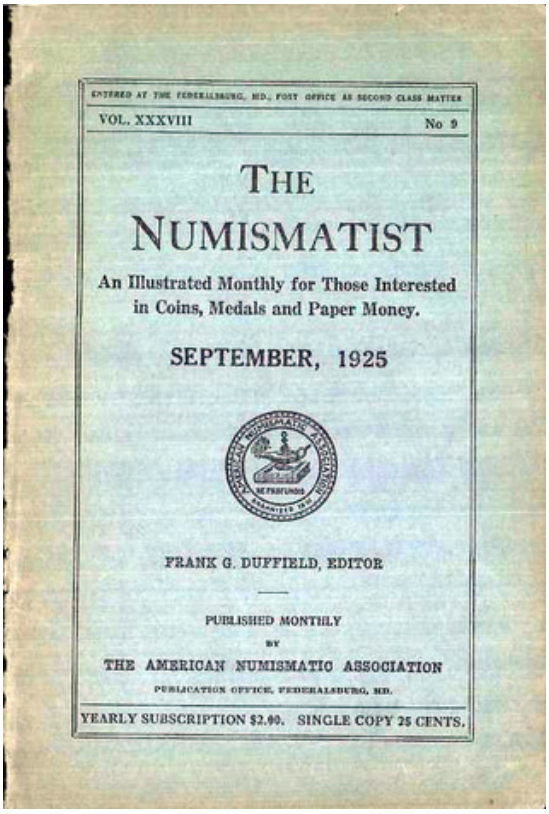
United States Mint 2025 Ornament

ORNAMENTS

PHILADELPHIA (P)

25XU

100 Years Ago in Coins: A Look Back Through The Numismatist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The Numismatist - September 1925

Here's a look back 100 years at a couple of articles from the September 1925 issue of The Numismatist.

FORT VANCOUVER HALF DOLLARS BEING DISTRIBUTED.

The distribution of the Fort Vancouver commemorative half dollars was begun about August 1. This coin is one of several such issues recently authorized by Congress and commemorates the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Fort Vancouver by the Hudson Bay Company, in the State of Washington. A celebration of this centennial was held in August by the Fort Vancouver Centennial Corporation.

The coins show on the obverse old Fort Vancouver, and on the reverse Dr. John McLoughlin, founder of the fort in 1825 The authorized number is 300,000, and 50,000 had been struck by August 1 A feature of the issue was the transportation by airplane of the coins from the San Francisco Mint to Vancouver by Lieut. Oakley G. Kelly, flight commander of Vancouver Barracks. He made the round trip in one day. His cargo of 50,000 coins weighed 1462 pounds.

BRAZIL'S COIN WITH ERRONEOUS SPELLING.

Below is illustrated the 500 reis piece of the issue of coins struck in Brazil in 19 22 to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the independence of that republic, which has the word Brazil spelled BBASIL. The word is under the two busts on the obverse.

A specimen of the coin has been presented to the A. N. A. collection by Mr. Chas. A. Baumann, of Rio de Janeiro, a member of the Association, who writes as follows regarding it:

"The coin was first struck in 1922 in accordance with Decree 15620, of August 19, 1922, in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of Brazilian independence on September 7, 1922. A similar piece of 1000 reis was also struck. The metal is composed of 91 percent, copper and 9 percent, aluminum. In exchange for this metal money, 1000 and 2000 reis paper notes were to be withdrawn from circulation. The design of the 1922 coins differs somewhat from a similar issue restruck in 1924. A very few specimens of both the 500 and 1000 reis issue were struck with the erroneous and yet intentional spelling of Bbasil. Very few of the 500 reis issue got into circulation, and this denomination with the error is the much rarer of the two. In Brazil it sells at 10 to 15 times its face value."

FROM A PLEASED SUBSCRIBER IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

"I think your magazine is fine and can hardly wait from month to month for it. I would not be without it for many times the price."

OCC Annual Picnic Photos

Todd Hughs on the grill

Good food all around

The Oliver Brock family table

OCC Members Gather

OCC Annual Picnic Photos

Kevin and Oliver

Some of the officers and board

Richard and Kevin

The food is almost ready

OCC enjoying some good food

Bingo was played in honor of Dick Cowley

Mike Zagorin: The Sweetest Part of the OCC

Mike Zagorin
with a tray of cookies

If you've ever attended an Olympia Coin Club meeting, chances are you've enjoyed one of Mike Zagorin's legendary cookies. But what you may not know is just how deep his passion for baking goes—or the dedication he pours into every batch.

Mike's journey as a baker began in 1950, standing beside his mother in the family kitchen. Those early years ignited a lifelong love of baking that followed him into the military around 1967. Originally serving as a cook, his baking talents were soon discovered and he was promoted to baker, eventually running his own bake shop solo—a rare feat that speaks to his skill and work ethic.

After his military service, Mike continued to share his baking with the public, working professionally at Ralph's Thriftway and Haggen stores. Today, though retired from commercial baking, he remains a prolific cookie creator, delighting not only the Olympia Coin Club, but also other local clubs, his friends and family, and even his local bike shop.

His cookies are never boring. Mike keeps detailed records of what cookies he has made, for whom, and when, so he doesn't repeat flavors too soon. He estimates he's made 40 to 50 different varieties for club meetings alone. From classic chocolate chip and Amish sugar cookies to creative blends like piña colada (pineapple and coconut) and a fruit cookie packed with four types of fruit and coconut (his most expensive cookie to make!), every bite offers something new.

When asked which cookie he likes to eat most, he smiles and says he loves them all. But his favorite to bake? Chocolate and Amish sugar cookies, because they offer a flexible base for experimentation.

Mike is as serious about quality as he is about quantity. If a batch doesn't meet his standards, he has no hesitation about tossing it out. "If I don't like it," he says, "there's a good chance other people won't either."

Each meeting or event, Mike rises at 4 a.m. the day before a meeting, firing up his 7-quart KitchenAid mixer and using 10 half-sheet pans to bake up to 120 cookies—bringing about 80 to share. He bakes in bulk, too, keeping his pantry stocked with 50 pounds of pastry flour, 50 pounds of sugar, and 25 pounds of all-purpose flour. And when he travels? He brings back 3 to 7 liters of Mexican vanilla from cruise ship stops to ensure the flavor in his cookies remains top-notch.

Mike isn't just a dessert expert—he and his wife Bonnie prepared and served the entire holiday meal for the Tacoma-Lakewood Coin Club's Christmas party. Their homemade feast was a highlight of the celebration and a reflection of the same care and community spirit Mike brings to every cookie tray.

So next time you see that tray of cookies at a meeting, take a moment to thank Mike. And don't wait too long to grab one—he says his favorite sight is an empty tray at the end of the night.

September 11th Coins: A Legacy Preserved in Silver and Gold

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, left an indelible mark on history. Among the many artifacts recovered from the wreckage of the **World Trade Center**, a unique category of collectibles emerged—**coins that survived the devastation**. These coins, once stored in the vaults beneath the towers, were salvaged and later authenticated, offering collectors a tangible connection to history.

The Recovery of Precious Metals

At the time of the attacks, Tower 4 housed a significant amount of **gold and silver bullion**, including coins belonging to financial institutions such as the **Bank of Nova Scotia**. In the months following 9/11, recovery efforts unearthed **millions of ounces of silver and thousands of ounces of gold**, much of which was later repackaged and sold to collectors.

2001 Silver Eagle
9/11 Ground Zero Recovery
eBay $199.99

World Trade Center Recovery Coins

Jamaica 1/2 Penny
WTC Ground Zero Recovery Coin
eBay $39.99

Several coins from the **WTC vaults** were authenticated and encapsulated by grading services such as **PCGS (Professional Coin Grading Service)**. These coins often bear a special **WTC Recovery label**, signifying their origin. Some of the most sought-after examples include:

- **2001 American Silver Eagles** – These were among the bullion coins recovered and later graded, often featuring a WTC Recovery designation.
- **Gold Bars & Coins** – Some gold pieces salvaged from the wreckage were repackaged and sold to collectors, carrying a unique historical significance.
- **Fused Coins** – The extreme heat from the fires caused some coins to melt and fuse together, creating eerie, one-of-a-kind relics.

September 11th - 9/11 Recovery Coins (continued)

Collecting WTC Recovery Coins Today

Collectors interested in owning a piece of this history can still find **WTC Recovery coins** available through auction sites, numismatic dealers, and specialized coin shows. While these coins carry a premium due to their historical significance, they serve as a lasting tribute to the resilience and remembrance of that day.

Fused coins, recovered during the September 11, 2001 recovery operation at Fresh Kills, Staten Island, New York.
Source: Smithsonian
National Museum of American History (link)

eBay Listing: 2000 1/4oz Gold Krugerrand WTC Ground Zero 9/11 Recovery PCGS Gem Uncirculated Sold for $1,250.00

A Piece of History

Owning a **WTC Recovery coin** is more than just acquiring a collectible—it's preserving a moment in time. Whether it's a **Silver Eagle, a gold bar**, or a **fused coin**, these artifacts stand as a testament to survival, remembrance, and the enduring legacy of September 11th.

eBay Buy It Now Listing: 1998 $50 One Ounce .9999 *WTC* Gold Canada Maple Leaf PCGS Gem Uncirculated $3,955.00

eBay Buy It Now Listing:
2000 Australia Kangaroo $50
9-11-01 World Trade Center
Ground Zero Recovery
$3,698.00

Recently Sold on eBay

Roy's Place Token - Olympia
Good for 10c in Trade
Sold for $8.57 (3 bids)

Western Washington Fair - 1965
Good for 50c
Sold for $8.00

1878 8TF Morgan Dollar, MS66,
PCGS and CAC
Sold for $16,875 (Buy it now)

1878 S Morgan Dollar
PCGS MS64
Sold for $0.99

2014 Gold Eagle - Narrow Reed - PCGS MS69
$5 Gold Eagle - Population is only 14
Sold for: $7,125

2013 $10 1/4oz
Gold Eagle
Sold for: $0.99
(Buy it now)

2005 $25 ½ Troy Ounce
American Eagle
Sold for: $0.99
(1 Bid)

Exploring IR Security Features in U.S. Currency with a Modified Webcam

When it comes to spotting counterfeit money, most people are familiar with the classic detection tools:

- **Counterfeit detection pens** that react with certain types of paper.
- **Ultraviolet (UV) lights** that reveal security threads and watermarks.
- **Touch and feel**, since genuine currency uses a unique blend of cotton and linen with raised printing.
- **Microprinting** and fine details, which counterfeiters often fail to reproduce accurately.

While these methods are useful, the U.S. Treasury has added even more advanced security features that aren't always visible to the naked eye. One of the most fascinating of these is infrared (IR) anti-counterfeiting measures. Parts of a bill either absorb or reflect IR wavelengths differently. This creates patterns and contrasts that make genuine notes easy to verify and difficult for counterfeiters to reproduce.

I wanted to be able to observe these IR features for myself — not just rely on UV lights or magnification. The challenge was finding an affordable way to see into the infrared spectrum.

Modifying a Logitech C920s for Infrared

Most consumer webcams, including the popular Logitech C920s, come with an IR cut filter built in. This filter blocks infrared light so that colors look natural during everyday video calls. Unfortunately, that also means the camera can't "see" the IR spectrum — exactly what I needed to inspect currency features.

The Logitech C90s That was modified into an Infrared camera.

Exploring IR Security Features in U.S. Currency with a Modified Webcam

The solution was to carefully remove the built-in IR cut filter and then reassemble the camera. Once that filter is gone, the C920s becomes sensitive to infrared light. By simply holding an external IR filter in front of the lens, the camera is ready to view the hidden IR features built into U.S. banknotes.

Note: after removing the IR cut filter, the camera's focus needed to be adjusted to bring the image back into sharp detail.

With the modified C920s, I was able to see details on currency that aren't visible by the naked eye. Some areas of the bills vanish or darken, while others stand out clearly — lining up with the embedded IR security features designed to authenticate genuine notes.

Why This Matters

For hobbyists, educators, or anyone interested in currency security, this modification provides a fascinating window into the hidden world of anti-counterfeiting measures. While it's not a replacement for professional verification tools, it's an affordable way to explore advanced security features that most people never see.

As counterfeit detection continues to evolve, so does the technology available to enthusiasts. By repurposing something as common as a webcam, we can get a closer look at the science that protects our money every day.

The IR filter needed to bring out the anti-counterfeiting measures on United States currency.

Exploring IR Security Features in U.S. Currency with a Modified Webcam

This is what the US Notes look like through the modified camera

Dick Cowley's Service - Sept. 6th.

Richard Roland Cowley

10/14/1950-3/31/2025

Join Me in A Memorial Celebrating Richard Cowley's Life on Our 17th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, September 6th, 2025

Ceremony at Noon, Followed by Catered Lunch by Westport Aloha Alabama BBQ

Westport Inn and Cabins Coho Hall

2501 Nyhus Street, North, Westport, Washington, 98595

360-215-7012

Please join us in spreading Richard's ashes in Westport Cove, weather permitting TBA

RSVP to Teresa Staal-Cowley, 360-866-1512 home, 360-480-9955 cell

2836 Calais Lane NW, Olympia, Washington, 98502

2026-2026 Elected Officers

President	Oliver Brock
Vice President	Jay DeBoer
Treasurer	
Secretary	Richard Green

Board Members

Position 1	Todd Hughes
Position 2	Jordan Kennedy
Position 3	Dale Gerard
Position 4	Ken Fialkowski

Support Officers

Auctioneer	Kevin Charboneau
Auction Recorder	Kristi Gerard
Auction Videographer	Rudy Kennedy
Club Baker	Mike Zagorin

Appointed Positions

Newsletter Editor	Jay DeBoer

Regular Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at:
Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center
(next to the Lacey Community Center)
6757 Pacific Ave SE
Lacey, WA 98503
7:00PM on the first Thursday of the month.
Doors open at 6:00PM
No July meeting - August is the Club Picnic
December is the Club Holiday Party

Board Meeting

Board Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of odd numbered months at 6:00PM .
River's Edge Restaurant
4611 Tumwater Valley Dr SE
Tumwater, WA 98501
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Olympia Coin Club

Established January 1958 - Olympia, Washington

Membership

Membership runs from January 1st through December 31st.
Annual-dues are $15 for Regular and Family memberships
Junior membership (under 18) is $3

Our Commitment to Numismatics

- **Promote numismatics** – Foster a deep appreciation for coins, currency, and related collectibles, encouraging study, preservation, and historical exploration.
- **Cultivate fellowship among numismatists** – Build a welcoming community where collectors can connect, share knowledge, and enjoy mutual interests.
- **Encourage and assist collectors** – Support collectors at all levels by providing resources, guidance, and opportunities to expand their collections.
- **Provide an opportunity to buy, sell, or trade coins** – Create a marketplace where enthusiasts can engage in fair and informed transactions.
- **Engage and inspire young numismatists** – Spark interest in coin collecting among younger generations through mentorship, educational programs, and hands-on activities, ensuring the future of the hobby.

Past Issues of the OCC Newsletter can be obtained from the Olympia Coin Club Facebook Group

Classifieds

Classified ads are free for members with active, paid-up memberships.

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Free Classified Ads for members: All OCC members get a free classified ad in the newsletter. Post your Wanted / Selling / Services etc. If you have a business card for your business or hobby that can be posted also.

WANTED: Olympia Trade Tokens, Hobo Nickels, Error Coins. **SELLING**: Hobo Nickels, Trade Tokens, Currency, Error notes and coins.
Jay DeBoer - JayHobo.com

Leave a Legacy of Numismatic Passion
Consider including the Olympia Coin Club in your estate plans. Whether it's coins, tokens, supplies, or a monetary donation, your gift can help preserve our shared love of history and collecting for future generations. A legacy donation ensures your passion lives on — inspiring, educating, and connecting fellow enthusiasts for years to come. To learn more about how you can make a lasting impact, speak with a club officer.

COMMUNITY: Consider volunteering at the Washington State Fair (Puyallup Fair) at the PNNA coin booth inside the Hobby Hall. August 29-September 21, 2025. You get free admission to the fair and free parking. Enjoy the fair before or after your shift. You don't need to be a coin expert to volunteer. More information on the PNNA Fair page: https://www.pnna.org/wp/events/fair/

Auction Donations: Have duplicate coins, older currency, or even treasured pieces you'd like to see make a difference? Enter them in the club auction marked "For the Club" — all proceeds go toward strengthening Olympia Coin Club programs and events. Every donation, big or small, helps build a richer future for our community.

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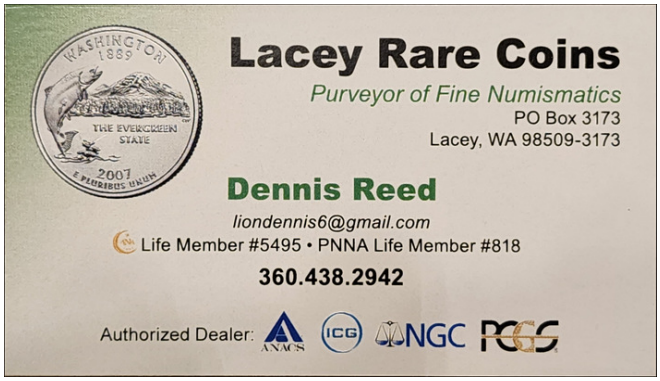

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